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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Naval Intelligence

SUBJECT : Standardized NUCINT Data Processing

REFERENCE : DNI Ser OP-009/S15514 of 24 December 1974

1. Your proposal to standardize the data reduction and analysis of all NUCINT and to utilize the Navy facility for processing was referred to the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) for review and recommendations. The JAEIC study of this proposal resulted in the conclusion that, while it is technically feasible to process data acquired by [redacted] sensors at a central facility and to format the data in a manner compatible with such central processing at a reasonable resource cost, it is not desirable to do so at this time.

2. I agree in principle with your proposal for centralizing selected intelligence processes to achieve greater management effectiveness and resource savings. However, in this instance, I am persuaded that more extensive development of NUCINT sensor systems by the various sponsoring agencies should occur prior to further efforts toward standardizing data formats and centralizing the processing.

3. The JAEIC notes that within four or five years the number of collections and the quantity of data may grow sufficiently to justify use of a central data reduction and analysis facility. The Committee has asked, therefore, that technical personnel in the Navy, DIA, and CIA engaged in the testing, evaluation, and calibration of nuclear radiation sensor systems maintain liaison in the course of their developmental activities to insure early identification of common problems and their solutions. At an appropriate time it may also be of benefit to have the IRAC IR&D Council review these developments.

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4. I am also aware of a request by Dr. Hall to Director, DIA, to conduct a comprehensive review of the Defense NUCINT program, with a study report to be available by 1 June 1975. I anticipate that this report will be available to the JAEIC for their use as an appropriate follow-on to their review of your proposal.



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